

29 November 2024

By email to: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST 2024/70

On Thursday, 28 November 2024 you made a request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the OIA) for the following information:

Can you please advise..... 1. A breakdown of the Maori Roll voters total Roll and by Party. That is how many Maori Roll voters voted for each party National, Labour, Act NZ First, Te Party Maori, Other. Both by candidate and party vote 2. How many people voted on the general roll How many Maori voters chose to vote on the general roll. 3. How was the Maori vote on the general roll split between the parties National, Labour, Act, NZ First, Te Party Maori, Other. Both by candidate and party vote.

1. A breakdown of the Maori Roll voters total Roll and by Party. That is how many Maori Roll voters voted for each party National, Labour, Act NZ First, Te Party Maori, Other. Both by candidate and party vote; and 3. How was the Maori vote on the general roll split between the parties National, Labour, Act, NZ First, Te Party Maori, Other. Both by candidate and party vote.

The Electoral Commission is not able to provide the information you have requested for questions 1 and 3, as it is not held by the Commission. On this basis your request is refused under section 18(e) of the Act.

To elaborate, elections in New Zealand are conducted by 'secret ballot' and legislation does not provide any basis for publicising lists of voters and the parties they voted for.

Ballot papers from a general election are destroyed in the presence of the Clerk of the House of Representatives and an Electoral Commissioner. This occurs 6 months after an election, in accordance with section 189 of the Electoral Act 1993.

2. How many people voted on the general roll How many Maori voters chose to vote on the general roll

For the 2023 General Election 2,661,311 people voted on the general roll, of those 201,185 were of Māori descent.

Voting and enrolment stats can be found in the downloadable turnout statistics here: [Voter turnout statistics | Elections](#). As these are broken up by electorate, it's easy to determine turnout of Māori descent by general and Māori roll as well as the overall Māori descent. Please note that "The total numbers of voters in this report are slightly lower than in the [official results](#) because of disallowed votes, dual votes, and clerical errors made in scanning or marking the master roll."

Full turnout (including disallowed votes and others that might not be able to be tied to a voter's demographic information) for Māori roll and general roll can be found in the official results 2.2 [Party Votes and Turnout by Electorate](#) in columns i, j, and k.

In the interests of transparency, we release responses to Official Information Act requests every 3 months. We will publish this response with your personal details redacted.

You have the right under section 28(3) of the Act to make a complaint to the Ombudsman if you are not satisfied with the response to your request. Information about how to do this is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or by phoning 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely



Beth Kreitzer
Principal Advisor Data and Insights